In re Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

<u>Application No.</u> <u>Filing Date</u> 169716/1996(Pat.) June 28, 1996.

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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